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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT GRANTS PENSIONERS ADDITIONAL INCREASES

1. SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTER ANNOUNCED FEB. 6 GOG
DECISION TO INCREASE PENSION BENEFITS OF THOSE COVERED BY
SOCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTION (IKA) BY 12 PERCENT EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 1, 1974. APPROXIMATELY 260,000 PERSONS ARE
IKA PENSIONERS. LAST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE THESE BENEFITS
WAS EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1973 WHEN AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD 15 PERCENT
HIKE WAS AWARDED. NOTE: FOR THOSE RECEIVING MINIMUM
LEVEL PENSIONS IN OLD AGE, DISABILITY AND DEPENDENT
CATEGORIES, A 20 - 25 PERCENT INCREASE WILL BE EFFECTED FEBRUARY 1.

2. IKA REPRESENTS LARGEST SINGLE SOCIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM
FOR WORKERS IN NON-AGRICULTURAL PORTION PRIVATE SECTOR
AND THUS MAINTAINS HIGH PROFILE FROM STANDPOINT GOVERNMENT.
LATEST INCREASE PROBABLY IN RESPONSE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES
COST-OF-LIVING DURING PAST YEAR.
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